



CLAIM FILING DEADLINES SEPTEMBER 11th VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND ("VCF")

There are **two** important deadlines for filing a VCF claim:

- **The first deadline is the date by which you must Register with the VCF to be recognized as a Claimant.** This deadline is different for each Claimant as it is dependent on individual circumstances as explained below.
- **The second deadline is the date by which you must file your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents.** This deadline is **October 3, 2016** and is the same for **all** claimants.

Deadline 1: Register (file a REGISTRATION FORM) with the VCF:

In general, Claimants with a qualified condition who plan to file a claim with the VCF will have two (2) years from the date of diagnosis to file a REGISTRATION FORM in order to preserve the right to file a claim. See FAQ 1.2 on the www.vcf.gov website for the list of qualified conditions.

To Register with the VCF: In order to meet the applicable two-year deadline, you must do one of the following:

- Claimants using the ONLINE system must complete and submit the Registration Form (and receive a VCF claim number).
- Claimants submitting a HARD COPY claim must complete and mail Eligibility Form Part I, even if the remainder of the form is not complete.

Deadline 2: File Complete ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS and required Supporting Documents:

The Zadroga Act authorizes the VCF to receive claims for five years from the date the VCF opened, which was October 3, 2011. Regardless of the applicable two (2) year deadline for filing your Registration Form with the VCF, **all** claim forms must be filed by **October 3, 2016**. This includes your completed ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS with the properly executed Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits.

The chart on page 2 summarizes the specific deadlines for filing a claim depending on individual Claimant circumstances. The Special Master does not have the authority to extend the filing deadlines



To Register (file a Registration Form) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Applicable Registration Deadlines*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Registration Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARD COPY
Claimant diagnosed <i>on or before October 3, 2011</i> with a 9/11-related condition on the <u>original list of qualified conditions</u>	October 3, 2013	Complete Registration Form (receive VCF claim number) Register Now	Complete and Mail Eligibility Form Part I (even if the remainder of the form is not complete)
Claimant diagnosed <i>after October 3, 2011</i> with a 9/11-related condition on the <u>original list of qualified conditions</u>	Two (2) years from the date of diagnosis, but no later than October 3, 2016		
Claimant diagnosed <i>on or before October 12, 2012</i> with one of the <u>Cancers</u> added to the list on that date	October 12, 2014		
Claimant diagnosed <i>after October 12, 2012</i> with one of the <u>Cancers</u> added to the list on that date	Two (2) years from the date of diagnosis, but no later than October 3, 2016		
Claimant diagnosed with <u>Prostate Cancer on or before October 21, 2013</u>	October 21, 2015		
Claimant diagnosed with <u>Prostate Cancer after October 21, 2013</u>	Two (2) years from the date of diagnosis, but no later than October 3, 2016		
Claimant diagnosed <i>on or before February 18, 2014</i> with a <u>Rare Cancer</u> that meets the definition as explained by the WTC Health Program on that date	February 18, 2016		
Claimant diagnosed <i>after February 18, 2014</i> with a <u>Rare Cancer</u> that meets the definition as explained by the WTC Health Program on that date	Two (2) years from the date of diagnosis, but no later than October 3, 2016		
Claimant's known condition was not on the original list of qualified conditions or subsequent additions to the list but was added to the list <i>after February 18, 2014</i>	Two (2) years from the date the specific condition was added to the list of qualified conditions, but no later than October 3, 2016		
To File a Complete Claim (Eligibility and Compensation Forms) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Deadline*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Claim Forms Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARD COPY
ALL CLAIMANTS	October 3, 2016	All claim forms, including <i>completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms</i> with properly executed Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits	

* The applicable deadline is the date by which the required forms must be submitted/uploaded to your online claim or postmarked (if sending by mail). If the date falls on a Sunday or a Federal Government holiday, the forms must be submitted/uploaded or postmarked by the next business day.

Need to reach the VCF?

If you need assistance filing your claim, or have questions about deadlines or the claims process, please visit the www.vcf.gov website. You may also call the VCF toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 (or 1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired). If you are calling from outside the United States, please call 1-202-353-0356. Staff are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.